



VANUATU DEPARTMENT OF  
CUSTOMS AND INLAND REVENUE

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# Vanuatu

## ASYCUDA World Project

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### Production Server Installed!



Following the vt5.5million purchase of the SOClass license in early December, the National Project Team (NPT), with the assistance of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and UNCTAD Consultants, have suc-

cessfully installed the first ever ASYCUDA World Production server for Vanuatu. Hosted at the Government data center, the server has one of the best ASYCUDA server environment, where the technical resources were efficiently used to ensure optimal system performance. The NPT are now in the process of further configuring and testing the AW prototype server before applying these configurations on the Production server. The NPT would like to thank the OGCIO and UNCTAD for their assistance in achieving this significant milestone in the Project.

### UNCTAD Technical mission

1st - 9th December 2016



Discussing system coding

While the mobilization of the resident ASYCUDA World (AW) Expert for the Vanuatu AW project is ongoing, UNCTAD continued to show its commitment towards the Project by sending its Experts

through out the year to assist with the project. This was evident in December when the NPT received the Technical mission from AW Expert, Mr. Ravindra ABEYSINGHE. This is Mr. ABEYSINGHE's 3rd mission to Vanuatu in 2016, the 2nd to assist the NPT with the Project. During this mission, the NPT worked with Mr. ABEYSINGHE to complete the AW Production server installation and especially to work on the users system access.

Configuring users system access is probably, by far, one of the most challenging configuration tasks in the Project. However the NPT is confident that with our configurations, the Vanuatu setup could be one of the best in the region. In other news, the NPT is expecting another technical mission to further assist with the Project in early January 2017. The NPT and CRMC would like to sincerely thank the Experts and UNCTAD for their support towards the Vanuatu Project.

### Notice Board

**Revised Roadmap**  
CRMC has agreed on a revised Project Roadmap. This revised edition of the Roadmap has moved the live implementation 2 months back from the original date of 2nd January 2017. This is to ensure that current outstanding tasks are completed before proceeding. Considering these changes, the users trainings are now

scheduled for February 2017. Users will be informed should there be any further changes to this plan.  
**Scanned documents**  
Customs Brokers have been advised to invest in scanners to be able to scanned documents to be attached with their clearance

entries when submitting them to Customs in ASYCUDA World. Scanned documents will assist to speed up the clearance process as well as assist in Customs audits. CRMC has approved the following minimum documents to be attached with entries:

- Commercial invoices
- Telegraphic Transfer receipts
- Insurance Certificates, if any
- Import permits, if any
- Concessions, if any

# Customs Reform and Modernization Committee

5th Meeting: 15th December 2016



Discussing changes

The CRMC's purpose is to drive the reforms and changes in Customs, not only to ensure the successful implementation of the ASYCUDA World (AW) project but to ensure Customs meets its overall objectives of revenue collection, protecting our borders and facilitating trade.

Chaired by Director DCIR, CRMC consists of the Deputy Director Customs, all Customs Managers, Customs TA and visiting UNCTAD Experts. While matters are usually discussed and agreed over email, the Committee formally meets every month to discuss the reforms in detail.

This month's meeting agenda covered the following items, amongst other things:

- Matters arising
- Revised Kyoto Convention and Harmonised System Convention accession update
- Endorsement of Users Terms of Reference endorsed
- Endorsement of automatic closing/opening of Cashier Day Books
- Endorsement of Minimum scanned documents
- Endorsement of Agreement coding convention
- Endorsement of Revised roadmap
- International Customs Day
- SOClass license funds update
- HS2017 update
- Warehouse stock clean up update
- AW Technical update
- Approved AWP strategic documents
- Read-only access for external users
- User forms
- Business Continuity Plan
- Other Businesses

The 6th CRMC meeting is scheduled for 19th January 2017.



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The ASYCUDA (Automated SYstem for CUstoms DAta) software, used by over 90 Customs Administrations around the World, was developed by the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD). An earlier version of ASYCUDA called ASYCUDA++ was implemented in Vanuatu in 1999.

ASYCUDA++ is a DOS based program with ICT limitations and therefore obsolete in this day and age. UNCTAD has therefore developed a web-based version of ASYCUDA known as ASYCUDA World. It takes advantage of the significant progress made in the field of ICT to provide improved automated support to the evolving requirements of both the Trading Community and Customs administrations.

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